

## **CITY OF MEDINA**

### **Park Board Meeting**

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July 18, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall  
501 Evergreen Point Road

#### **Call to Order**

The July 18, 2005, Park Board meeting was called to order by Park Board Chair, Connie Gerlitz, 7:07 pm.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Connie Gerlitz, Vice Chair Lisa Fleischman (*arrived 7:24 pm*); Boardmembers Steve Brustkern (*arrived 7:10 pm*), Roger Ngouenet, Heija Nunn, and Karen Sparks

Absent & Excused: Susannah Stuart

Staff Present: Doug Schulze, City Manager; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

*Mayor Mary Odermat was also in attendance.*

#### **Minutes**

JUNE 20, 2005, PARK BOARD MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7:07 PM.
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#### **Audience Participation**

*(Non-agenda items only)*

*Marianne Mowat, 8120 Overlake Drive West, Medina (7:09 pm)*

Mowat said she was in attendance to participate in the playground equipment discussion and that she is currently involved with the Medina Days Committee's contribution towards playground equipment enhancement in Medina Park. Mowat spoke of her involvement and experience related to playground updates, including Medina Elementary School and Magnuson Park in Seattle.

## Park Reports

Sparks inquired about ownership and maintenance responsibilities for portable toilet at Viewpoint Park and reported the plaque was missing from stone sculpture in off-leash area of Medina Park. Sparks also said the log steps at Fairweather are slightly unsteady when used and asked if they could be remedied. Willis indicated he would look into her reports.

Brustkern suggested a Medina Beach Park rules sign be replicated and installed on the south side of City Hall to prevent dogs from entering park.

Gerlitz polled boardmembers and it was unanimously approved to recommend sign installation as suggested, 7:14 pm.
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Ngouenet asked if vegetation on Indian Trail near Northeast 26<sup>th</sup> Street could receive maintenance attention. Willis conveyed clean up in the area would be completed after the mower is repaired.

Gerlitz expressed concern about blackberry overgrowth in Fairweather Nature Preserve. Willis responded work in Fairweather would be completed by EarthCorp during the end of July and end of August. Sparks reported blackberries are growing along the path to the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast dock, as well.

Nunn reported she witnessed dogs off-leash in on-leash area of Medina Park and confronted the handlers to educate them about park rules. Nunn said it was an uncomfortable situation and would prefer there be a physical definition between park areas for rule enforcement.

Nunn stated she received an email from a Medina resident suggesting the city install a basketball court in Medina Park, in addition to playground equipment enhancement. Discussion followed.

Gerlitz polled boardmembers and it was unanimously approved to recommend Willis research feasibility of adding a basketball court near tennis court in Fairweather, and the possibility to cooperatively upgrade Three Point's basketball courts with the city of Bellevue, 7:28 pm.
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Nunn said she would reply to the email and include the board's recommendation.

## **Old Business**

### Geese Control/Enforcement (7:31 pm)

Willis distributed memo to board summarizing services contracted by the city of Kirkland. Willis said the geese population is down this year and doesn't anticipate much of a problem next year due to scheduled bulkhead work. Board agreed to continue to monitor issue and discuss solutions if problem increases next year.

*In an effort to accommodate audience, Gerlitz announced the board would discuss playground equipment prior to other agenda items.*

## **New Business**

### Playground Equipment (7:35 pm)

Schulze answered questions regarding memo included with meeting packet and stated the first meeting to identify design options would be this Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Schulze indicated the meeting would be open to the public and encouraged attendance by Park Board members and the Medina Days Committee.

Discussion followed.

Nunn, Fleischman and Ngouenet expressed interest in attending the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and volunteered to organize an opening celebration in September.

### Park Board Participation in Medina Days (8:11 pm)

Boardmembers discussed use of a suggestion box during Medina Days to obtain citizen ideas and comments. Following discussion, boardmembers decided against idea, since information would be available from survey results.

Nunn suggested the Board could help with the parade or carnival during Medina Days. Alternately, Sparks said high school students could obtain community service credits through their volunteer efforts.

Nunn indicated she would be in favor of a display during Medina Days acknowledging Park Board's accomplishments in the community. Following discussion, the board decided against the idea.

### 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Northeast Parking Lot (8:20 pm)

Willis said the job was out for quotes and would expect to receive figures by the end of the week for comparisons. Willis indicated he would move ahead with project, if a reasonable bid could be obtained.

## **Old Business**

### Park Signs (8:21 pm)

Board agreed to table discussion until survey results are received.

## **Other Business**

### August Park Board Meeting (8:26 pm)

Gerlitz initiated discussion regarding necessity for holding an August Park Board meeting.

MOTION FLEISCHMAN, SECOND BRUSTKERN TO CANCEL AUGUST PARK BOARD MEETING, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 8:28 PM.

## **Adjournment**

MOTION NUNN, SECOND BRUSTKERN TO ADJOURN JULY 18, 2005 PARK BOARD MEETING, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 8:28 PM.

The July 18, 2005, Park Board meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2005; 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Rachel Baker  
Administrative Assistant